

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT			1. CONTRACT ID CODE		
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO.		3. EFFECTIVE DATE	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.		5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)
6. ISSUED BY CODE			7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) CODE		
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)			(X)	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICIATION NO.	
				9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)	
				10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.	
CODE		FACILITY CODE			

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

☐ The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers ☐ is extended, ☐ is not extended.  
Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:  
(a) By completing items 8 and 15, and returning \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted;  
or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE  
PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment  
your desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this  
amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

CHECK ONE	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor ☐ is not, ☐ is required to sign this document and return \_\_\_\_\_ copies to the issuing office.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	16C. DATE SIGNED
_____ (Signature of person authorized to sign)		_____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)	

## Question 1

Reference: Amendment 2, Question #20, ED states "In addition ED requires that the costs for Task 4 be broken out separately from other costs (for the Base and each Option Period)"

Question 1: Offeror assumes the Task to be broken out would be Task 6 Optional Task on Innovation and not Task 4 Develop, Maintain, and Secure the IT System. Please confirm.

Answer 1: ED is hereby deleting the answer to question # 20 in Amendment #2 and replacing it with the following: The Government does not have a standard template. ED requires offerors to provide the total annual price for each year (to include each Option Period) of the contract with the Award Fee and without the Award Fee. In addition ED requires that the costs for Task 4 and Task 6 be broken out separately from other costs (for the Base and each Option Period). Also, ED requires a monthly total for each of the contract years.

For example: Total Price (minus Task 4 price) for each Year with Award Fee, and total price (Minus Task 4 price) for each Year without Award Fee. Total price for Task 4 for each year with Award Fee, and total price for Task 4 without Award Fee. In addition, the price for Task 6 should be listed separately. ED also needs the total price for each month, with the price for Task 4 listed separately (for each month). There should be no Award Fee listed in the monthly total.

## Question 2

Reference: Amendment 2 Cover Page: The cover page states "Due to the extension, ED requires resumes from all staff, experts, consultants, and subcontractors. In addition ED requires commitment letters (contingency offers) from all experts, consultants, subcontractors, and proposed staff not currently employed by the Offeror."

Question 1: Are Committee members (for Steering Committee, Content Experts, and the Library Committee) included in the above list? If Committee members are included then the number of resumes to be submitted with the proposal would significantly increase. Please clarify.

Answer 2: Resumes are required for the recommended three Steering Committee members (Task 1.5), three Content Experts (Task 1.6), and ten Library Committee Members (Task 1.7). Offerors only need to recommend a total of 3 content experts in the following topic areas: Reading, mathematics, and teacher preparation and in research methodology.

## Question 3

Reference: Amendment 2, answer to question number 161.

Question 3: The primary component of ERIC appears to be IT focused, even the government's response that "the ERIC system is to provide for on-line library service." This statement "on-line" is totally IT focused. This is also an education-focused procurement offering on-line (technology related) services to the education community as well as libraries, with education seemingly the larger community. Why then, would the government not choose an IT related NAICS code such as, 518120 for Data Processing, Hosting, and Related Services, rather than 519120? We believe this is an online educational database. We respectfully request another evaluation of this NAICS code assignment to 518210.

Answer 1: ED does not argue that more than one NAICS code is applicable to the ERIC. ERIC contains both IT applications and library services. ED had to choose one NAICS code. To focus on the IT applications solely, appears to ignore the fact that ERIC is a library. The experience and expertise of librarian science majors is necessary to provide high quality bibliographic records and full text materials, to include grey literature. It should be noted that grey literature is critical to the mission of ERIC. ERIC is unique among large, digital education libraries in collecting and disseminating grey literature whereas collections produced by other electronic education libraries are limited to the published journal literature. Such non-journal materials are often difficult to find, and examples include research reports, contractor reports, conference papers, guides, dissertations, policy papers, bibliographies, and so forth. This collection and dissemination requires a special understanding and expertise of educational grey literature that those trained in library science can provide.

The description for NAICS code of 519120 is as follows: This industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in providing library or archive services. These establishments are engaged in maintaining collections of documents (e.g., books, journals, newspapers, and music) and facilitating the use of such documents (recorded information regardless of its physical form and characteristics) as are required to meet the informational, research, educational, or recreational needs of their user. These establishments may also acquire, research, store, preserve, and generally make accessible to the public historical documents, photographs, maps, audio material, audiovisual material, and other archival material of historical interest. All or portions of these collections may be accessible electronically. The Webster Dictionary defines a library as a "collection of recorded data organized for easy use"; which is what ERIC is.

While there is an IT component in the ERIC procurement, IT is used solely to disseminate the information to end-users. The main purpose of this procurement is to maintain collections of documents and facilitate the use of such documents. Since its inception in 1966, ERIC has selected, indexed, abstracted, and to the extent feasible, provided full-text documents in a range of subjects in the field of education.

4. ED realizes, due to the extension of the RFP, a few of the specific deliverable dates may be unrealistic. Therefore, we suggest Offerors propose realistic dates for those deliverables.